

**TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA  
TOWN COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Jarvis Hall  
4505 Ocean Drive  
Monday, September 12, 2016  
6:30 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, MAYOR SCOT SASSER**

Mayor Scot Sasser called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Also present were Vice Mayor Mark Brown, Commissioner Alfred "Buz" Oldaker, Commissioner Elliot Sokolow, Commissioner Chris Vincent, Town Manager Bud Bentley, Assistant Town Manager Tony Bryan, Development Services Director Linda Connors, Town Attorney Susan L. Trevarthen, Finance Director Lisa Fuentes, Special Projects Coordinator Debbie Hime, Public Information Officer Steve d'Oliveira, and Town Clerk Tedra Allen.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**3. INVOCATION**

Rabbi Bentzion Singer gave the Invocation.

**4. ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, DEFERRALS OF AGENDA ITEMS**

Mayor Sasser announced that Khalilah Camacho Ali, former wife of recently deceased world heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali, will speak on Friday, September 16, 2016, at 7 p.m. in Jarvis Hall.

**5. PRESENTATIONS**

None.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

**7. PUBLIC SAFETY DISCUSSION**

**a. BSO July / August 2016 Report (Captain Fred Wood)**

Commissioner Oldaker thanked the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) for its increased presence in the south Silver Shores area, where sidewalks and crossings have been an issue. Vice Mayor Brown added that every category of crime in the Town has decreased

with the exception of burglaries. BSO Captain Fred Wood recalled that in 2015, information cards were distributed to hotels and residences advising residents and visitors of the steps they can take to protect themselves from burglaries.

**Commissioner Vincent made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

**b. VFD July 2016 Report (Chief Judson Hopping)**

**Commissioner Vincent made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Sokolow, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

**c. AMR July / August 2016 Report (Chief Brooke Liddle)**

**Commissioner Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

**8. TOWN MANAGER REPORT**

**a. Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center July & August Statistics Report (Tedra Allen, Town Clerk)**

Courtney Stanford, President of the Lauderdale-By-The-Sea Chamber of Commerce, clarified that the Welcome Center's fiscal year runs from January to December when tracking events.

**b. June Finance Report (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

The Commissioners accepted the report without discussion.

**c. Town Manager Report (Bud Bentley, Town Manager)**

Town Manager Bud Bentley advised that upcoming meetings in September and October will include the presentation of a series of contracts for approval as well as updates to the Town's purchasing and personnel manuals. These documents will be provided to the Commissioners prior to the meetings and included in their backup materials as well.

During design of the El Mar Drive public restroom, we eliminated a service room as well as a decision not to build out two of the restrooms. State Contracting has offered to construct the wall between the two restrooms to facility the rough-in of the plumbing, which is in the contract. It was determined that the cost of completing the two restrooms would be approximately \$13,500. Town Manager Bentley requested direction from the Commission regarding the issuance of a change order to include the restrooms.

The Commissioners agreed by unanimous consensus to allow Town Manager Bentley to approve the change order for the El Mar restroom project. Town Manager Bentley clarified that preliminary estimates for the two restrooms had exceeded the Town's budget for the project. The change order covers the unit prices that were bid by State Contracting.

Town Manager Bentley noted that the Town continues to enjoy the positive press and additional service provided by the Downtown Fort Lauderdale Transportation Management Association's (DFLTMA's) Sun Trolley, which serves Lauderdale-By-The-Sea as well as Fort Lauderdale. Vice Mayor Brown added that changes are necessary to the Sun Trolley route within Lauderdale-By-The-Sea due to Town construction projects. He is working with the DFLTMA to address this need and increase ridership.

## **9. TOWN ATTORNEY REPORT**

Town Attorney Susan Trevarthen reported that the 4<sup>th</sup> District Court of Appeal has ruled in *Ober vs. Town of Lauderdale-By-The-Sea* that municipal Code enforcement liens are indeed enforceable. The Court was unanimous in its verdict. She recognized the cities of St. Petersburg and Coral Gables for their assistance to the Town in making its case.

The plaintiff in the case has appealed this ruling to a higher court. The Florida Bankers' Association, Florida Land Title Association, and the Business Law section of the Florida Bar have filed amicus briefs in favor of this reconsideration. These briefs were provided to the Commissioners in their backup materials.

## **10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **July 26, 2016 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes (Tedra Allen, Town Clerk)**
- b. **July 26, 2016 Town Commission Meeting Minutes (Tedra Allen, Town Clerk)**
- c. **August 11, 2016 Special Town Commission Meeting Minutes (Tedra Allen, Town Clerk)**

**Commissioner Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve all three. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **11. CONSENT AGENDA**

Commissioner Sokolow requested that Item 11e be pulled for additional comment.

- a. **Special Event Application from the Village Grille and 101 Ocean for Friday Night Music Entertainment proposed for every Friday evening starting November 6, 2016 and ending May 27, 2017 (Debbie Hime, Special Projects Coordinator)**
- b. **Special Event Application for a Public Menorah Lighting Ceremony proposed for Thursday, December 29, 2016 (Debbie Hime, Special Projects Coordinator)**
- c. **Special Event Application for Kiwanis Shred-A-Thon proposed for Saturday, October 22, 2016 (Debbie Hime, Special Projects Coordinator)**
- d. **Vision, Dental & Life Insurance Renewal (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

**Commissioner Vincent made a motion, seconded by Vice Mayor Brown, to approve Items a, b, c, and d. Motion carried 5-0.**

- e. **Health Insurance Renewal (Lisa Fuentes, Finance Director)**

Commissioner Sokolow observed that health management organization (HMO) rates are increasing, and that the Town has done well in securing rates from its provider.

**Commissioner Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

## **12. OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **13. NEW BUSINESS**

- a. **Re-Scheduling of Commission Meeting Dates in October & November 2016 (Tedra Allen, Town Clerk)**

Town Clerk Tedra Allen advised that the dates of the first meetings in October and November 2016 require rescheduling, as Yom Kippur falls on the October date and the general election occurs on the November date.

It was confirmed that meetings would continue to begin at 6:30 p.m. Town Manager Bentley also noted the proximity of the second November and December meeting dates to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, and suggested that there be one meeting in each of these months.

The following dates were determined for meetings:

- First October meeting date: October 4, 2016
- Second October meeting date: October 25, 2016
- November meeting date: November 15, 2016
- December meeting date: December 13, 2016

#### **14. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

Vice Mayor Brown stated that he attended a recent Broward League of Cities meeting at which strategy regarding the upcoming one-cent transportation/infrastructure surtax referenda was discussed. He noted that the County and its municipalities are working together toward this goal and have raised significant funds toward educating the public about this surtax.

#### **15. ORDINANCES**

##### **Ordinances 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

None.

##### **Ordinances 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading**

- i. **Ordinance 2016-05 – AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 20, “UTILITIES,” OF THE TOWN’S CODE OF ORDINANCES BY AMENDING ARTICLE II, “SANITARY SEWER SYSTEM,” SECTION 20-19 “RATES AND CHARGES,” TO ADOPT REVISIONS TO THE SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISPOSAL SERVICE (Tony Bryan, Assistant Town Manager)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

**Commissioner Sokolow made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

#### **16. RESOLUTIONS – PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- a. **Resolution 2016-31 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, INC. FOR OPERATING AND FUNDING A VISITOR AND WELCOME CENTER; DIRECTING THE APPROPRIATE TOWN**

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**OFFICIALS TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT; PROVIDING FOR  
CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Lisa  
Fuentes, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment.

Ron Piersante, resident, advised that he is a longtime volunteer for the Welcome Center, and spoke in favor of the work done by this entity.

As there were no other individuals wishing to speak at this time, Mayor Sasser closed public comment.

**Commissioner Vincent made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Oldaker, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

**b. Resolution 2016-33 – A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF  
LAUDERDALE-BY-THE-SEA, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE 2015/2016  
FISCAL YEAR BUDGET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ATTACHED  
EXHIBIT “A”; AUTHORIZING APPROPRIATIONS AND  
EXPENDITURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE 2015/2016 FISCAL  
YEAR BUDGET AS AMENDED; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS,  
PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE (Lisa  
Fuentes, Finance Director)**

At this time Mayor Sasser opened public comment, which he closed upon receiving no input.

Commissioner Oldaker requested clarification of whether or not the expense of \$10,807 for the purchase of body cameras for law enforcement would reduce the amount used toward this purchase in the future. Town Attorney Trevarthen confirmed that this would result in a future decrease in this expense.

**Commissioner Oldaker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Vincent, to approve. Motion carried 5-0.**

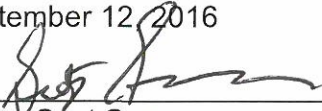
**17. QUASI JUDICIAL PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

**18. ADJOURNMENT**

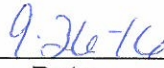
With no further business to come before the Commission at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

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Mayor Scot Sasser

ATTEST:

  
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Town Clerk Tedra Allen

  
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Date